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[Letter from F.P. Axley to Frederick C. Sharon, Jan 1904]

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MURPHY, N.C. [North Carolina], Jan, 11, 1904 [January 11, 1904],

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Dear Sir: -

Yours of the 4th. inst [instant], just received; the very best price you can get for your wife's land, is \$3,50 [\$3.50] per acre, the proce [price] offered by Mr. Barker. You cannot get \$5,00 [\$5.00] per acre. I am candidly [candidly] of the opinion that this is the best price that can be obtained. In the last ten days, clients of mine have purchased lands in the immediate neighborhood of yours, for \$2,00 [\$2.00] and \$2,50 [\$2.50] per acre, and as I have written you before a client of mine sold about 15,000 in one body for \$3,00 [\$3.00] per acre; these lands are valuable only for their timber and tan bark.

By the next mail after receiving your letter, here Mr Barker making inquiry as to whether or not you had accepted his proposition, and among other things he says; "The recent increase in freight rates on lumber, and lower market prices for the same, makes this proposition much less interesting that it was before." If you want to esll [sell] I think you had better strike while the iron is warm; you might say, that if Mr. Barker would pay you this price net, and my fees and commissions, that he would accept it, but I dont [don't] know; Mr. Barker says that the only reason he would pay this price to you is, that your land adjoins his. The tax for the year 1903 amounting to \$12?80 is now due.

Truly yours.

F.P. Axley [signature]

